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THE STATE DEPARTMENT INSISTED TODAY THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WHO WERE EXPELLED FROM RUSSIA LAST WEEK AFTER BEING DETAINED A MONTH AND A HALF WERE "BONAFIDE TOURISTS.

PRESS OFFICER JOSEPH REAP WAS ASKED ABOUT NEWSPAPER SPECULATION THAT THE TWO, MARK I. KAMINSKY OF JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, MICH., AND HARVEY E. BENNETT OF BATH, MAINE, WERE UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

"WE ARE ABSOLUTELY SATISFIED MR. BENNETT AND MR. KAMINSKY WERE BONAFIDE TOURISTS," REAP SAID.

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